

House Resolution No. 4152

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who have retired from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Elsberry R-II School District lost a valuable member of its faculty on May 23, 2007, with the retirement of Deborah Collins who devoted twenty-eight years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as a teacher; and

Whereas, Deborah Collins taught for nineteen years at Elsberry R-II, where she was held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrated considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Deborah Collins taught at Knox County R-I and Canton R-V for nine years prior to assuming her responsibilities at Elsberry R-II; and

Whereas, Deborah Collins watched her pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge she imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

Whereas, Deborah Collins is a member of Summer Hill Calvary Church, where she has further distinguished herself by conducting street ministries for children in Louisiana and Elsberry and by volunteering for mission trips to Guatemala and Venezuela; and

Whereas, Deborah Collins has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Michael Collins; her children and their spouses, Charity and Mark Herren, Angela and Heath Suddarth, Adam and Noelle Van Meter, Kristin and Rodolpho Toemi, and Caleb Collins; and eight grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Elsberry R-II School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Deborah Collins rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Deborah Collins, as a measure of the high esteem in which we hold her.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4152, adopted June 28, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker